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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING STATE ENTITIES TO GIVE PRIORITY TO APPLICANTS WHO WORK
WITHIN TWENTY-FIVE MILES OF THE HOUSING APPLIED FOR UNDER
AFFORDABLE, RESERVED, AND WORKFORCE HOUSING PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, the State is in need of affordable housing for its
2 workers; and

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4 WHEREAS, there are a number of benefits for workers who
5 live in close proximity to their place of work; and

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7 WHEREAS, benefits of living near work include reduced risk
8 of traffic accidents due to less time spent in a vehicle; money
9 saved on gas; minimized stress of lengthy commutes; reduced
10 pollution; increased reliability and productivity of workers;
11 improved personal health, especially if the worker walks or
12 bikes; improved life-work balance; improved relationships as
13 workers spend less time commuting and more time with friends and
14 family; and overall improved quality of life; and

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16 WHEREAS, mixed use development that allows for people to
17 live and work in the same area also leads to greater economic
18 development of local restaurants and shops, and support of small
19 businesses; and

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21 WHEREAS, affordable, reserved, and workforce housing
22 programs qualify applicants according to a number of factors;
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25 WHEREAS, giving a preference to workers who work in close
26 proximity to housing developments can increase the well-being of
27 many of Hawaii's workers; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
30 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
31 Representatives concurring, that any state entity who qualifies
32 applicants for any affordable, reserved, or workforce housing is




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1 urged to give priority to applicants who work within twenty-five
2 miles of the housing applied for under their respective housing
3 programs; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human
7 Services; Director of Business, Economic Development, and
8 Tourism; Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii
9 Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Chairperson the
10 Hawaii Community Development Authority; and Chairperson of the
11 Hawaii Public Housing Authority.
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